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ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2001 TO AUGUST 17, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month / Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New Motor Vehicle Sales (S.A.)	June			
Alberta	16,229	5.4%	10.6%	In the first six months of 2001, the number of new motor vehicles sold in Canada was 1.4% lower than in the first half of 2000. Sales of passenger cars rose 0.7%, while sales of trucks increased 2.4%. Alberta's new motor vehicle sales advanced by 5.4% in June, the second largest monthly increase among provinces. Sales also increased in Newfoundland (15.6%) and Ontario (2.5%), but declined in all other provinces with the largest drops in Nova Scotia (-6.2%) and British Columbia (-2.9%).
Canada	133,766	1.5%	0.0%	
Manufacturing Shipments ($millions)	June			Manufacturing shipments decreased 1.9% in June to $43.3 billion. The fall in shipments was led by computer and electronic products (-11.5%) and motor vehicles (-6.1%). Petroleum and coal product shipments fell by 6.1%, partially due to a 2.8% decrease in prices. The aerospace product and space industry bucked the trend with a 16.6% increase in shipments. Alberta manufacturing shipments were down 2.0% in June, but were up 3.8% from June 2000.
Alberta	3,599	-2.0%	3.8%	
Canada	43,346	-1.9%	-3.4%	
Rigs Drilling	July			
	277	4.1%	1.8%	The number of active rigs drilling in Alberta rose by 4.1% in July, reflecting the seasonal upturn in activity. Year to date, rig activity is up 14.4% compared to the same period last year.